The Honorable Wesley W. Simina  
Speaker, Twenty-First Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Second Special Session, 2019

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on External Affairs, to which was referred C.R. No. 21-31 entitled:

“A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. JOHN FRITZ TO SERVE AS THE FSM AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY TO JAPAN."

beks leave to report as follows:

The intent and purpose of this resolution are expressed in its title.

Your Committee stresses our country’s commitment to its close relationship with Japan, and the need to continue to operate its overseas diplomatic office with efficiency, integrity and the highest levels of expertise regarding the policy issues affecting this relationship.

The ambassador, as the face of our country in Japan, plays an important role in the high-level policy discussions between our countries. Therefore, an extended period of service for a good ambassador, one who already has forged strong relationships with his Japanese counterparts, and has an in-depth knowledge of the relevant policy issues, would be in the best interests of our nation. It is therefore strongly recommended that the above-named nominee be confirmed as soon as possible to maintain our
already closed relationship with Japan and further our work on mutually beneficial issues.

Your Committee reviewed the qualifications of this nominee extensively at the time of his initial confirmation as ambassador. There is no further need to hold a further hearing on this matter at this time. The nominee is well known for his efforts to promote the Federated States of Micronesia with the country of Japan, particularly in the areas of tourism and economic development. He is also known for the diligence in assisting our students studying in Japan. Your Committee has not received any subsequent communication that would cast doubt on the performance or integrity of the nominee.

During the recently conducted Fiscal Year 2020 budget hearing for the Department of Foreign Affairs, your Committee had the opportunity to speak with this nominee and key staff that he brought from the mission. At this time, the Committee was very satisfied with nominee’s performance and the overall function of our embassy in Japan. Your Committee also defers to the President and the Department of Foreign Affairs as to the decision to maintain the nominee at his post. Absent any contrary indication, your Committee believes that the nominee should be confirmed, and so recommends that Mr. John Fritz be confirmed as the Federated States of Micronesia Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Japan.

Your Committee on External Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 21-31, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.
STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 21-06

RE: C.R. NO. 21-31/EX-AFF

SUBJECT: TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. JOHN FRITZ TO SERVE AS THE FSM AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY TO JAPAN.

JULY 23, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

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